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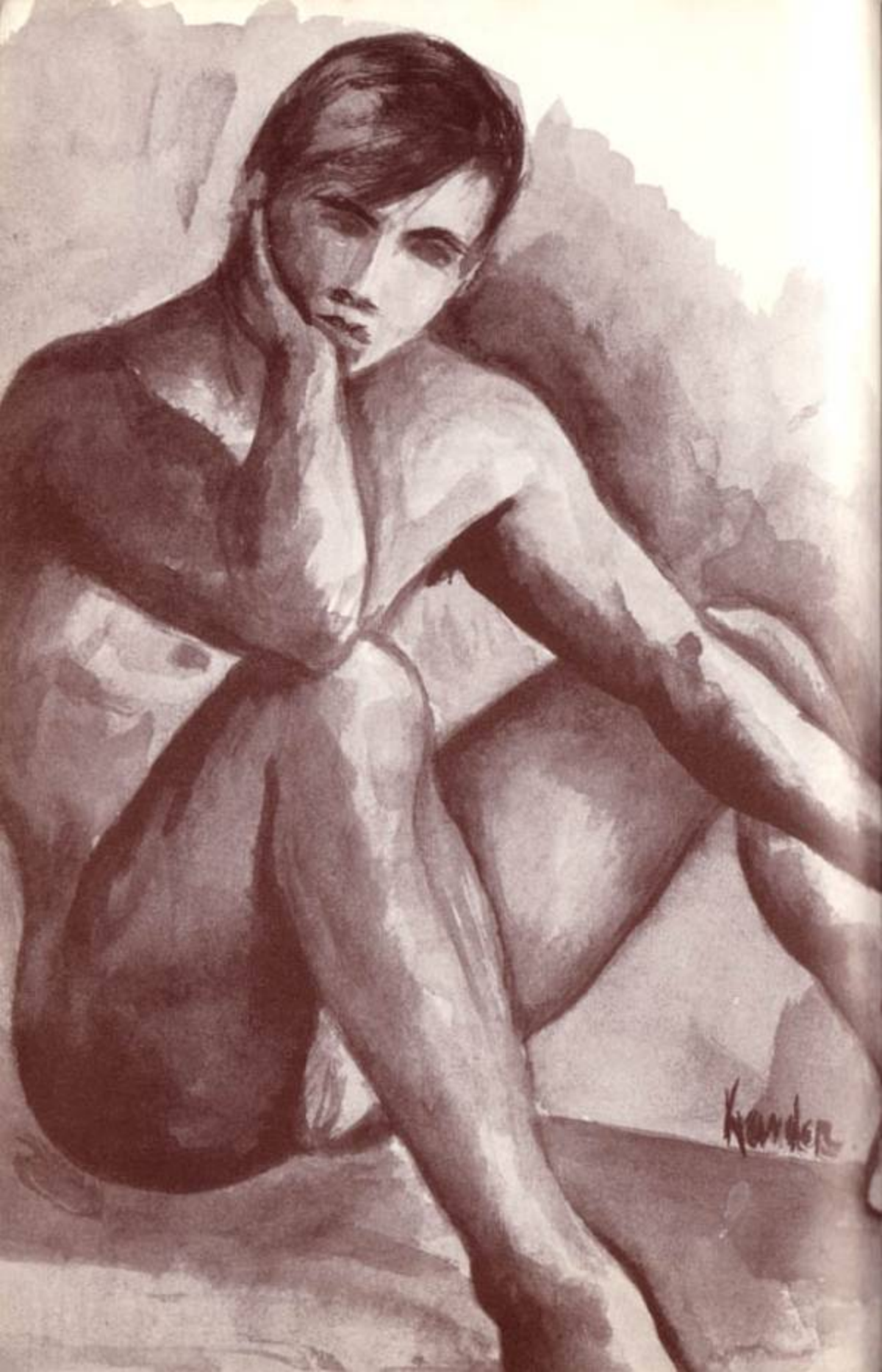
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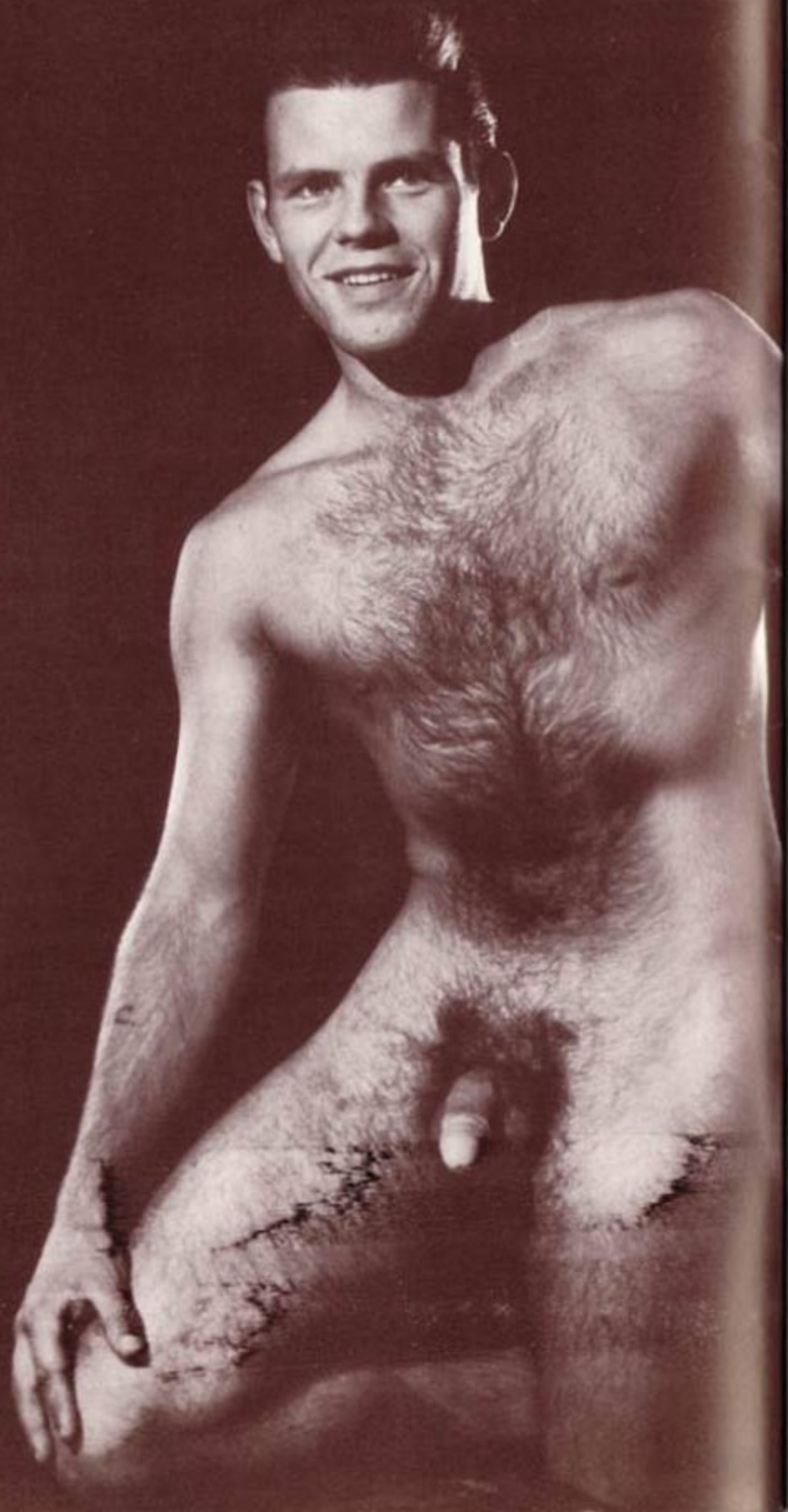
Statement of Purpose

BUTCH magazine is dedicated to the furtherance of realism in art, photography, and literature – without idealization of the beautiful or avoidance of the ugly ■ The photography, art, and articles contained in BUTCH are offered to illuminate the conviction that the body of man is clean and wholesome and that there can be no obscenity in God's handiwork ■ It is our belief that the ability of man to be at one with himself, to have a high opinion of the portions of his body so long rejected and degraded, will make him stronger, not weaker; more moral, instead of less moral ■ BUTCH hopes to do its part to bring about a world wherein man will, from the moment of birth, accept himself – not with guilt and shame but with esteem and serenity – in his totality as God made him.

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WHO'S A 'HE-MAN'?

Broad shoulders and a hairy chest, muscles, vigor, assertiveness, a success in business, leadership among men, fascination for women — this may be the picture that flashes across your mind when you think of the *ideal man*. But these qualities count for naught in many parts of the world where quite a different version of male perfection makes women sigh and men groan with envy. "Masculinity" has almost as many definitions as there are languages; and at last count there were 1,000 living languages being spoken around the globe.

That favorite Hollywood film shot of the hero baring his hairy chest would cause no stir among the women of Bali. There the admired male is short, wiry, and so hairless that he can remove his few chin whiskers with a tweezer. The same type spells masculinity throughout much of the Orient. Even the fierce American Indian warrior, a man's man if there ever was one, could find no "firewater" powerful enough to put hair on his chest.

Can a he-man be lacking not only in muscle development but also in aggressiveness and the competitive instinct? Is it manly to be timid, gentle, submissive, to coddle your children to the point of feeding them mouthful by mouthful? The Arapesh of New Guinea say "yes"; this is their definition of the perfect man and

the good citizen. Curiously enough, it is also their ideal of womanhood. A man and his mate have almost identical personalities and duties in this small remote tribe.

Basic to the Western notion of masculinity is the image of the husband as a good provider; but among many people it is the wife who brings home the "*bacon*." Gypsy women tell fortunes and sell trinkets while their men sit in coffee-houses. Among the fierce Mundugumor, neighbors of the Arapesh, women farm the land while their he-men plot raids on nearby settlements. In still another New Guinea tribe, the Tchambuli, men wear elaborate ornaments, carve the ritual masks, and dress the ceremonial dolls. When they are not busy with artistic matters, they're doing the family shopping. The women, meanwhile, are managing all the practical affairs of the tribe.

Males Are Not Always The Aggressor

But surely the man is everywhere the aggressor in courtship? Not so. Though the African Zulus are very strict on this point (insisting on the man's privilege of pursuit), the South Sea Latmuls take a different approach. The men know that if they just sit back and wait, some girl will send a love token with a message expressing the Latmul equivalent of "*Are you a man or a mouse?*"

Other cherished cliches of masculinity are refuted even closer to home. The French general's kiss on the war hero's cheek is only an example of the fact that in Latin countries it's considered routine for men to greet each other affectionately. It's also perfectly natural for a man to show strong emotion, even to shed tears.

And males from Mark Antony to Napoleon to many present-day conquerors have perfumed themselves without being thought sissified by the local belles.

Struggle For Masculinity

Almost everywhere in the world, though, a man will put up a fight to protect his prerogatives—whatever they may be—from female encroachment. In many primitive tribes men have secret societies to which no woman may ever be admitted—the evesdropping female risks death if caught. Though less extreme in their approach, Canadian men have always insisted on a few sacred masculine preserves. In Grandpa's day it was the barbershop and quite often the corner saloon. Now that women are borrowing men's fashions, entering professions once reserved for men, and are getting hubby to help with the housework, the struggle is tougher—but it's still going on.

Psychologists suggest that many men enjoy cigars—the smellier the better—just because women hate the rank aroma. Aside from its low price, one of the big factors in beer's popularity is its tradition of being a man's drink. *How many women beer-drinkers do you know?* Hopping on the bandwagon, cigarette manufacturers are advertising masculine smokes. But they're cautious: one leading brand bills itself as *"a cigarette for men that women like."*

Probably the most widely accepted symbol of masculinity is the pair of pants. Since the 16th century when men began to adopt trousers, *"wearing the pants around the house"* has clearly been the male's prerogative. Before that time, when male fashions made a great display of male legs, folks probably spoke of *"wearing the tights around the house"*. A modern development in

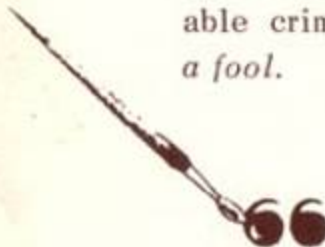
masculine pants are Trews — inspired by the traditional breeches of the Scottish Highland regiment, which have vied with kilts as the standard uniform. Trews have been adapted to the modern scene. The new version is slim and tapered with pockets angling the belt almost Western in styling.

Comfortably and stylishly attired in trousers that are unmistakably male, the Western man can hardly be blamed for his smug cracks to the effect that women shouldn't wear jeans unless "*the end justifies the jeans.*"

Males Are Superior Sex

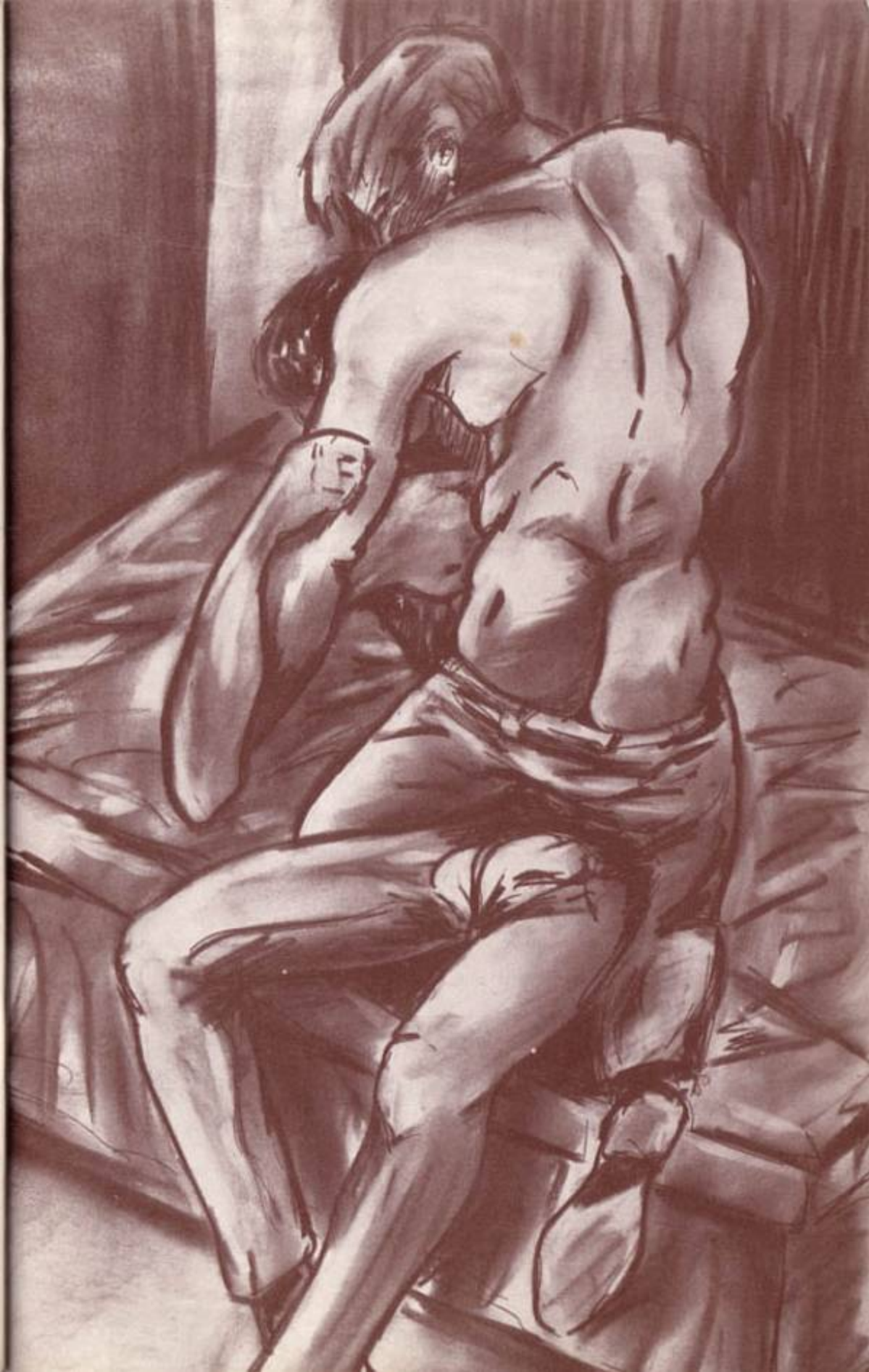
It could be worse. Arabs believe "*it is written that men are the superior sex.*" In parts of old Japan, a male infant could throw tantrums all day without fear of being clobbered by the females of the household. Despite his tiny size, he was feared and respected simply because he was a male child.

But it's among the Ashanti of Africa that men are really men (although women are not necessarily glad of it.) Among the 12 offenses that call for the death penalty in Ashanti law (committing murder and cursing the chief are both first-degree felonies) is the unspeakable crime committed by any woman *who calls a man a fool.* ■

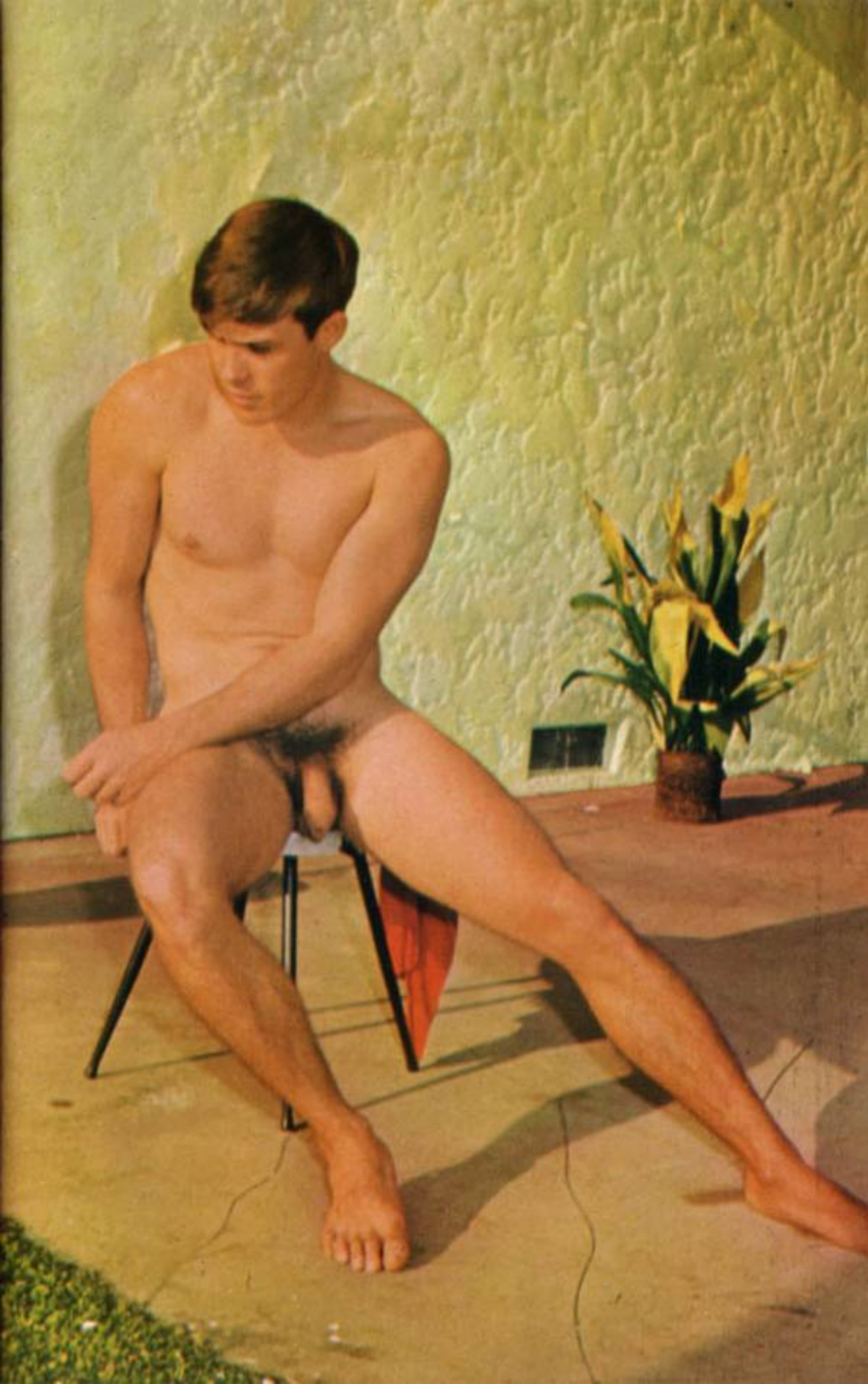


“the fathomless tide of straight trash has never varied much. It operates within highly conventionalized formulas of low-grade sadism, excremental drollery, and banal fantasies of phallic prowess...In its own way, the stuff is as predictable as a Boy Scout manual.”

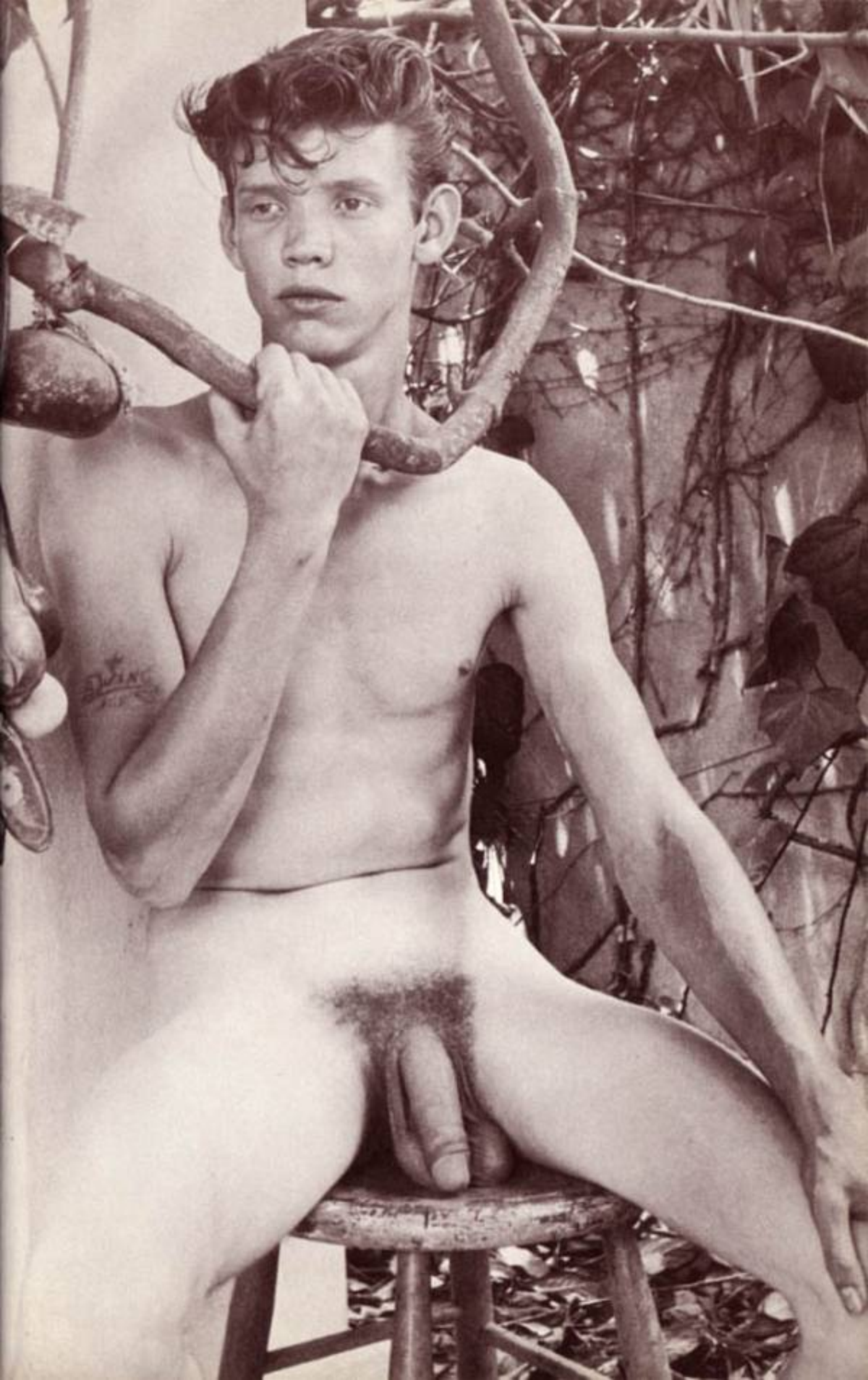
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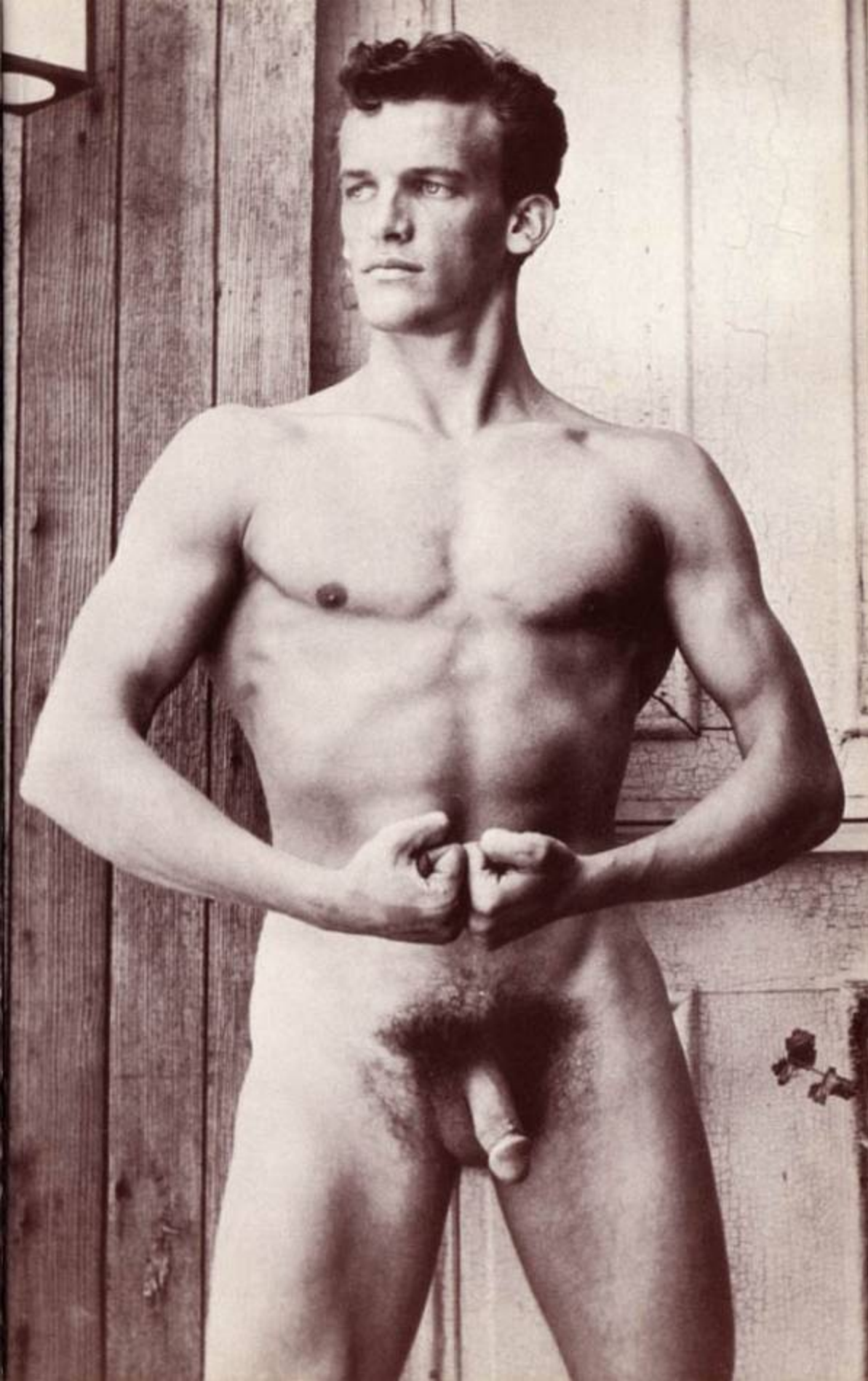






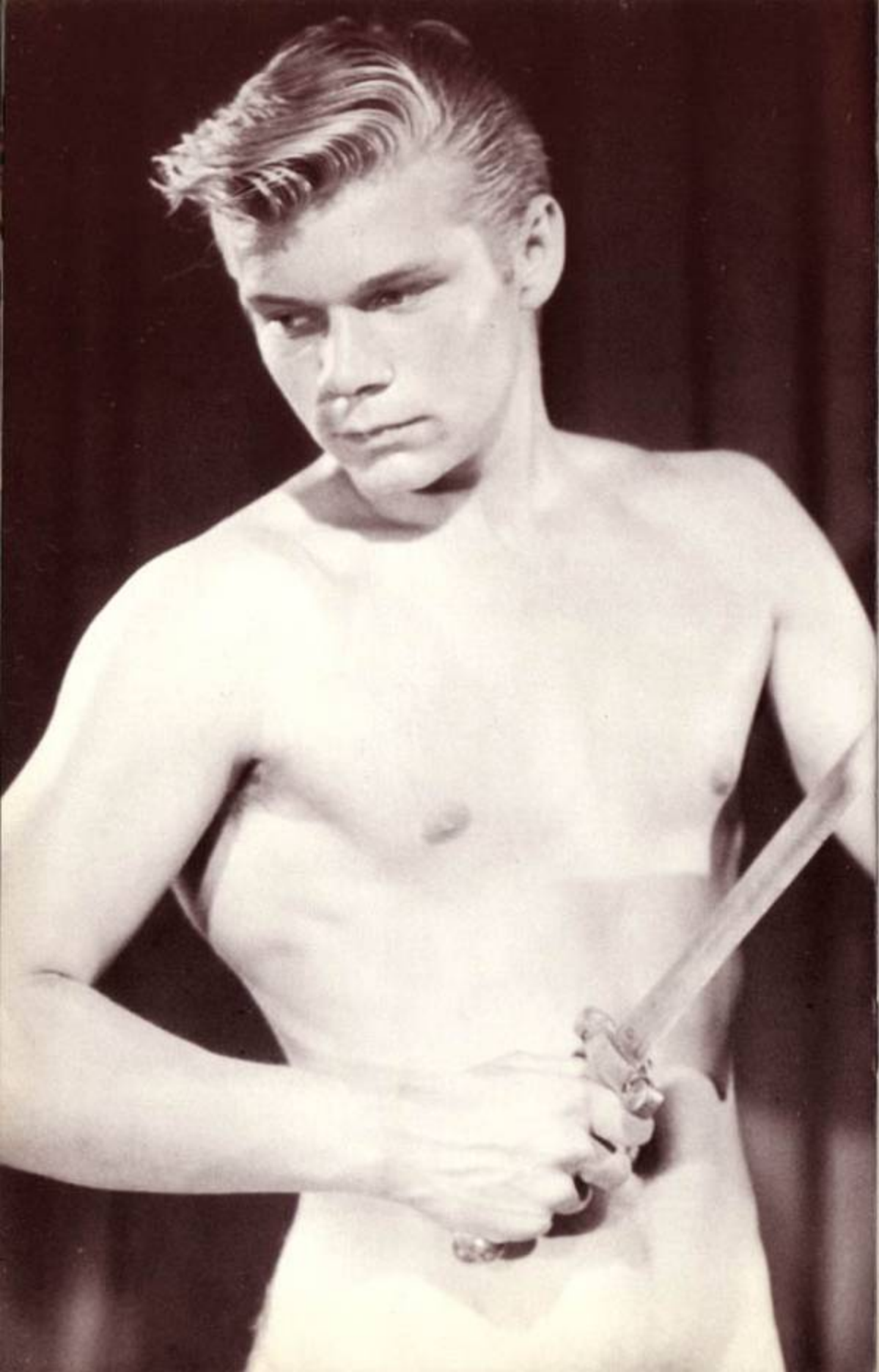


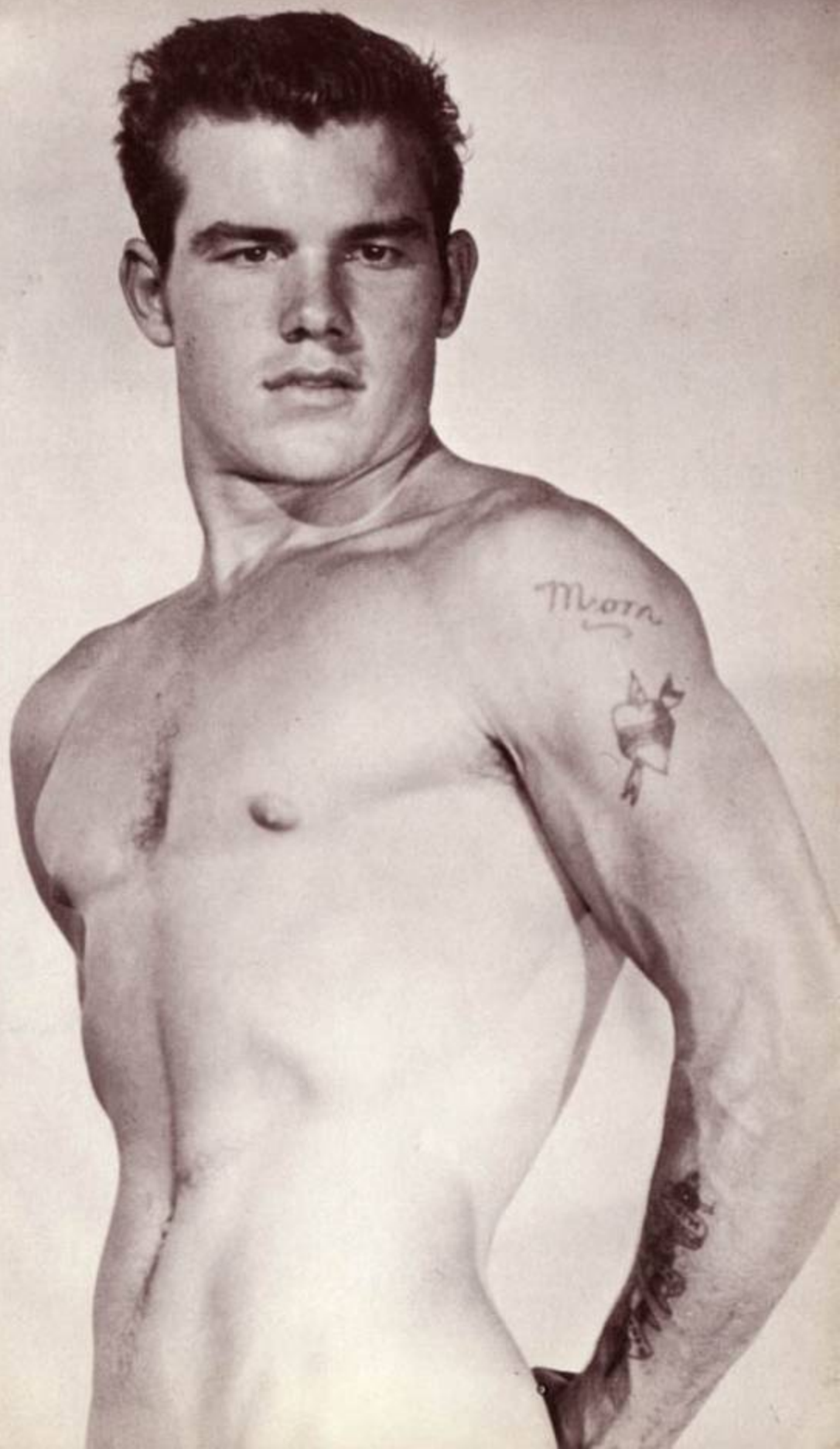














COMMENTARY

an exchange of views between the publisher
and his supporters and critics

Contributions for this department are welcomed. Letters should be short and to the point and must be signed. Writer's name will not be published.

INTERESTING, ISN'T IT?

► I would like to thank you for your courage and determination in fighting the government's attempt to suppress your magazines. Your competitors, especially the one in Washington, D.C., tried for the longest time to convey the impression that you were going too far in your advertising. But now that you have won and the nude male body is no longer something to be covered, all the stars and blotches disappear from their brochures. Interesting, isn't it!

---J.R.D., Michigan

SILENCE SPEAKS AGAIN

► I am a regular reader of newspapers and weekly news magazines, such as "Time", but I have not seen any report of your recent trial in Minneapolis. Neither have my friends to whom I have spoken on this subject. It looks as if we *do* have censorship of the press after all.

--- J.S.G., New Jersey

CORRECTING THE SITUATION

► Congratulations on your victory against the federal government. As a government employee myself, I have had to fight some minor battles to protect my job - because of my sexual orientation I probably would not have a job today if you had lost your case. I just simply do not have the money or the influence to fight the wholesale persecution that was planned if you had lost.

Too many persons have lived in and suffered in their own personal hell because of religious persecution, self-made or society-inflicted. For almost 4000 years religion

has perpetuated its sexual intolerance and bigotry. I cannot profess a belief in religion, for to do so would be contemptible hypocrisy for me. I can only say that it is none too soon that some religious leaders are now attempting to correct this situation.

--- F.J., Jr., Michigan

AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW

► I sincerely congratulate you on your court victory. It makes me feel good to know that humanity is moving forward perhaps slowly - but forward.

--- W.D.S., California

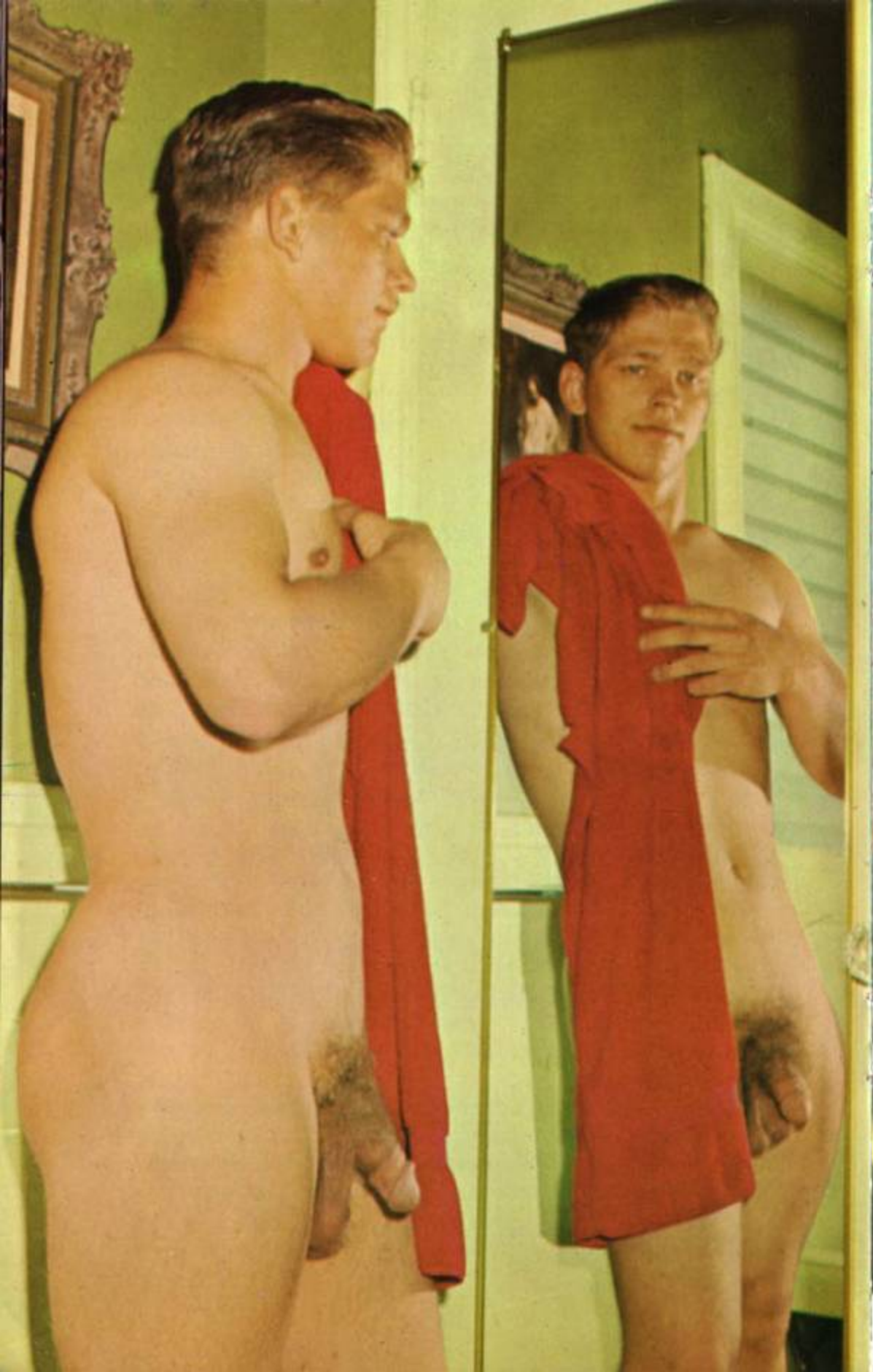
SEEKING ENERGETIC ORGANIZATION

► For some time I have been seeking a homophile organization which was honestly and sincerely interested in helping those among us suffering from persecution because of their sexual orientation. It was good to know that the Mattachine Society had the guts to come forward openly and actively involve itself in the defense of DSI in the recent DSI court trial. It is sad to realize that there were other homophile organizations who did not have the guts to get involved.

We talk of our civil rights as citizens under the constitution of the United States - yet no other minority in America is so hounded, harassed, and deprived of their rights by the government and law enforcement officials as is the homosexual minority. If this is the America we were taught in childhood to believe in - the land of the free and the home of the brave - let us then be brave, stand up, and fight, and be FREE.

I am sending my personal check for \$10 to the Mattachine Society. I realize it takes money, grit, and guts to overcome this persecution. The grit and guts - - I've got lots of. But money - - only average middle class.

--- T.R.E., Texas





A WORD OF SUGGESTION

► I like Butch magazine but I wish you could give us some photos of older, more mature men. Also, I would like more poses of the same model, both semi-reclining and standing if they are natural and not slumped out of shape. A man was given a beautiful body and he should not be ashamed of it.

--- L.G., California

A QUESTION OF MORALITY

► Do you feel your magazine brings honor to the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you influencing your readers toward holy and godly living? For many years I lived a life of complete godlessness and sexual immorality, so I speak from deep personal experience. Our creator is not someone to be taken lightly. We must all one day face and give account of our lives before Jesus Christ who died for us that we might be saved from the awful grip of sin. May I help you to know the forgiveness and grace of God? If so, let me know.

--- L.D., California

Interestingly enough, almost everyone who writes to us telling us to "repent and turn to God before it is too late" never signs his or her name. We commend this individual for being one of the very few who is not ashamed to be doing what he considers to be "God's work".

A QUESTION OF RELIGIOUS BELIEF

► What I find hard to take are the self-styled religious people who claim that your publication is obscene on religious grounds. How is it possible to believe that the Almighty created anything dirty, obscene, or indecent? Especially since we are told that He created man in His own image and likeness.

I have talked to a few clergymen who hold the belief that the genitals are covered because they are sacred, not because they are too awful to be looked at in the light of day. I would have much more respect for those who disapprove of your publication if they argued from this viewpoint. But I doubt that any of them have ever thought of it.

---G.E., California

SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

► For the past few years, I have been receiving mail from your firm which I find very repulsive. I doubt if I have to spell out to you just what I am referring to. If your firm doesn't stop sending this mail to me, I will arrange to secure evidence which will prove that you have been violating the law and then I will see to it that you are prosecuted.

I don't know what kind of person you might be, but I would gather that you are all dirty, sick people. If you think this is some sort of a joke, then you go right ahead and send me more of your filthy literature. I hate your kind and I will see to it that you are justly punished.

--- UNSIGNED

Although we normally ignore unsigned letters, we are reprinting the above because we feel it says more about the writer than it does about the object of his(or her) displeasure.

There are all kinds of crackpots around, living out their lonely, pathetic lives, feeling a compulsive need to censor whatever happens to upset them. It is a continual source of amazement to us why anyone takes them seriously. By definition, pathological prudes are immune to reason.

The lack of a signature on the letter is a fascinating example of a neurotic mouse attempting to stampede an elephant. We are hardly at the mercy of any nitwit who happens to have a five-cent stamp.

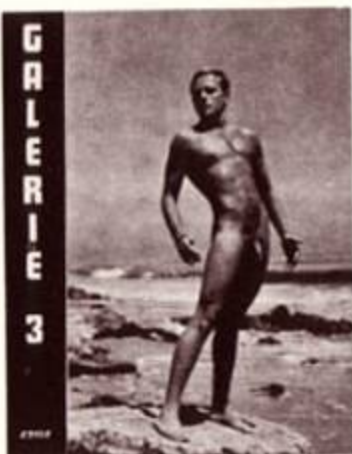
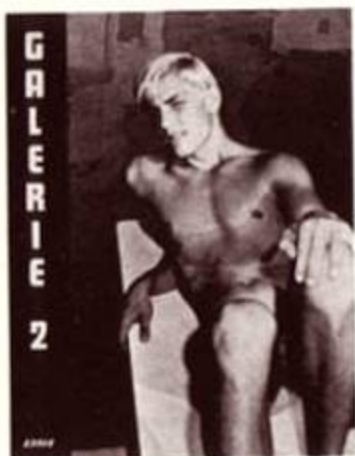
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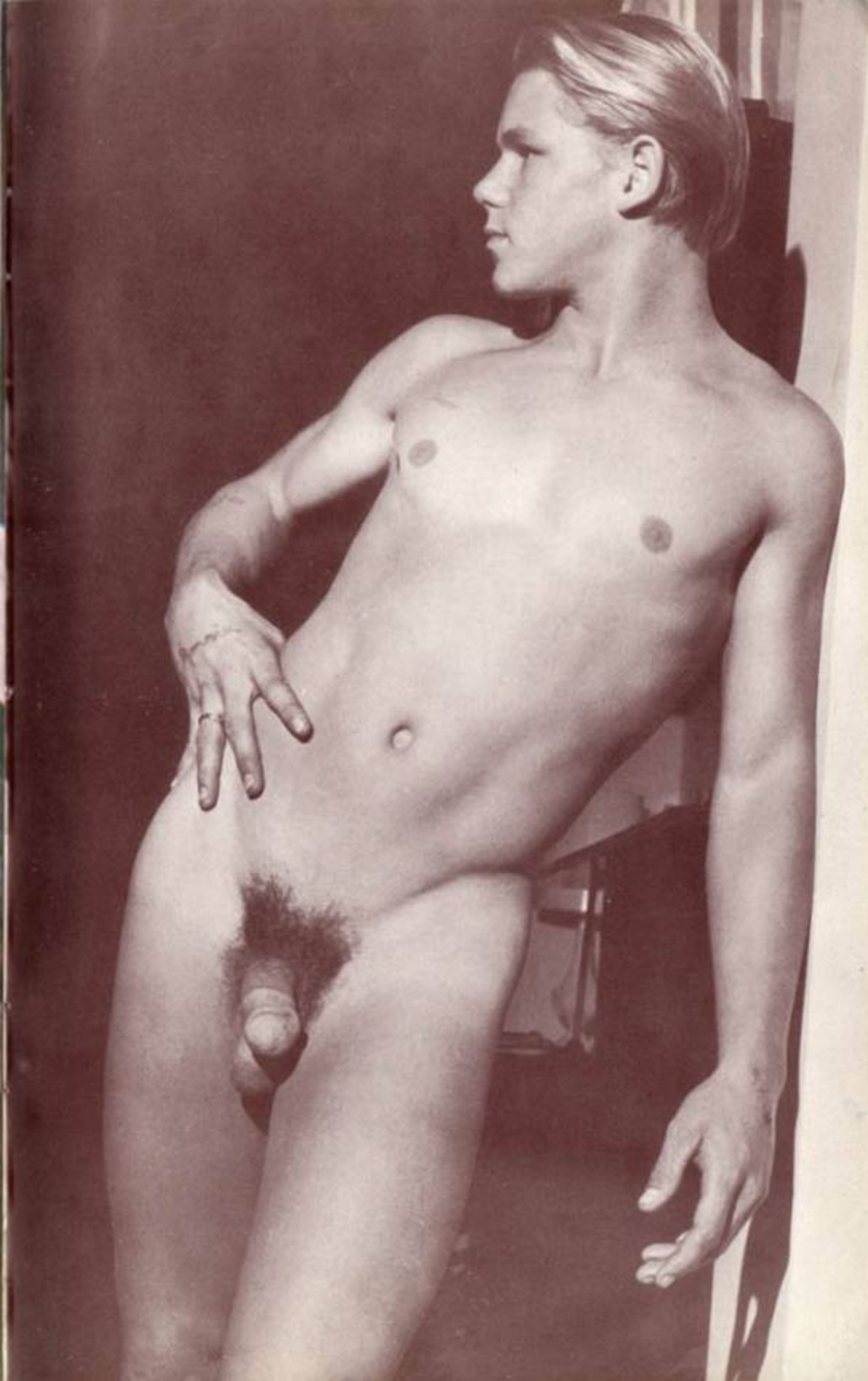
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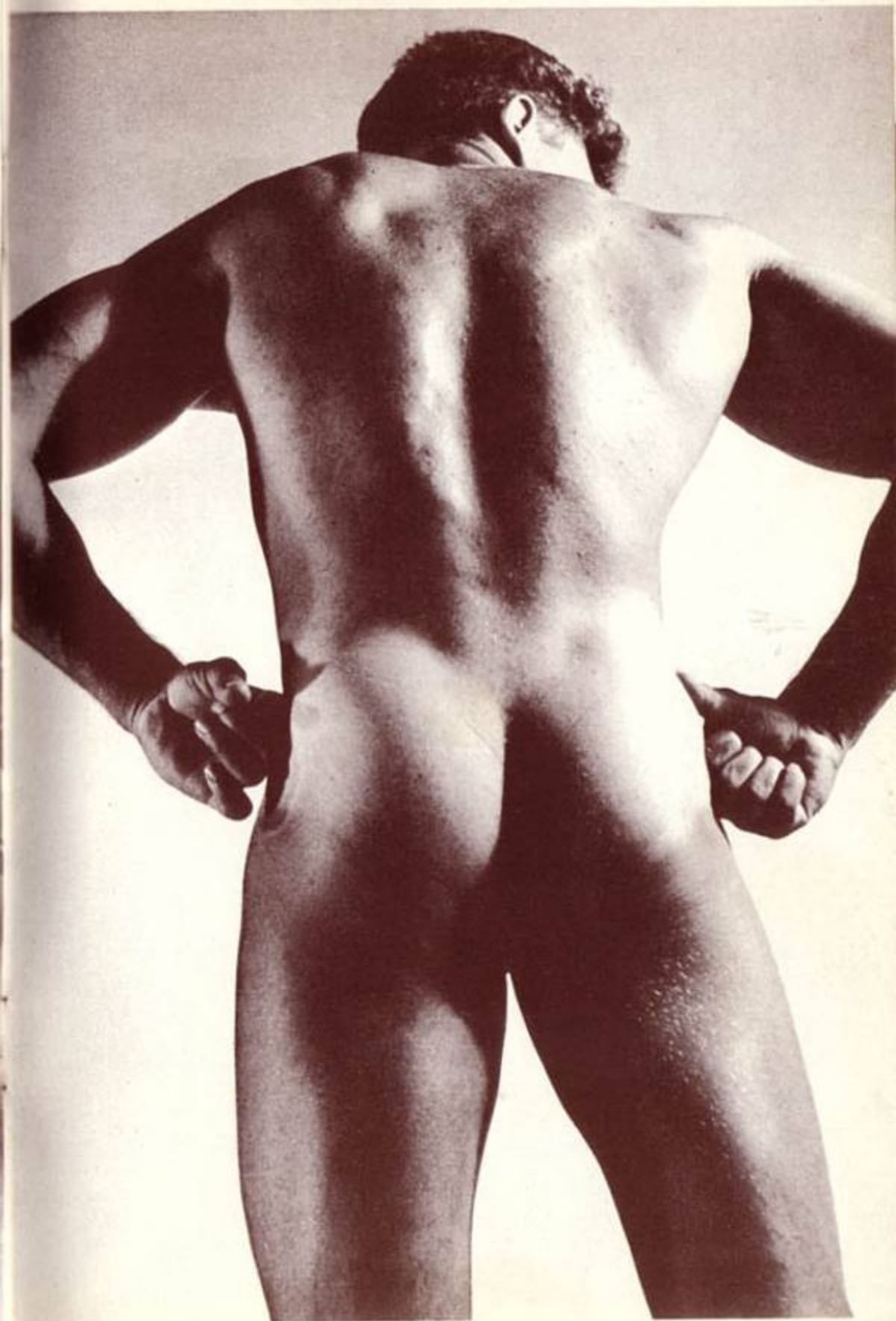
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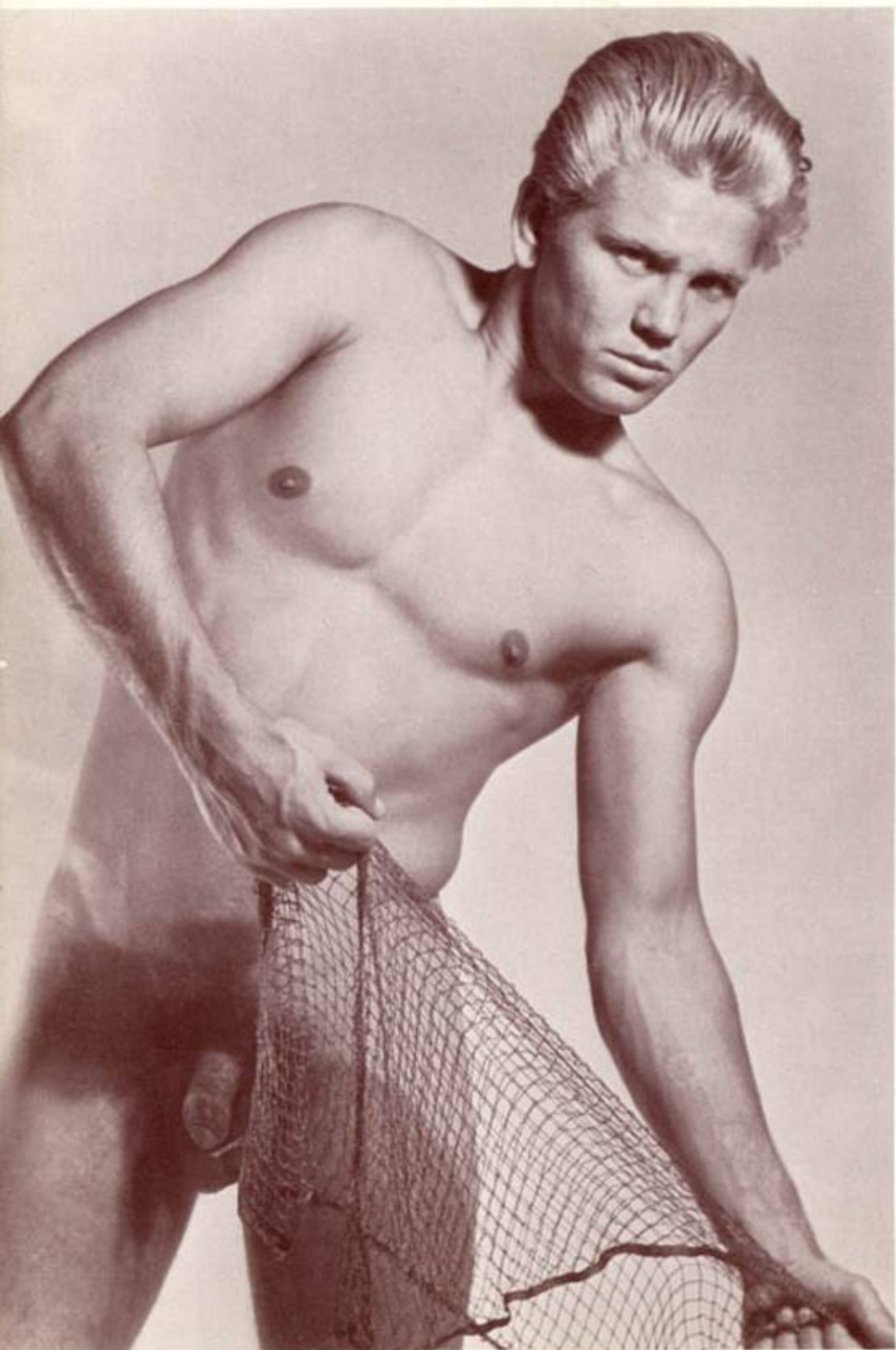
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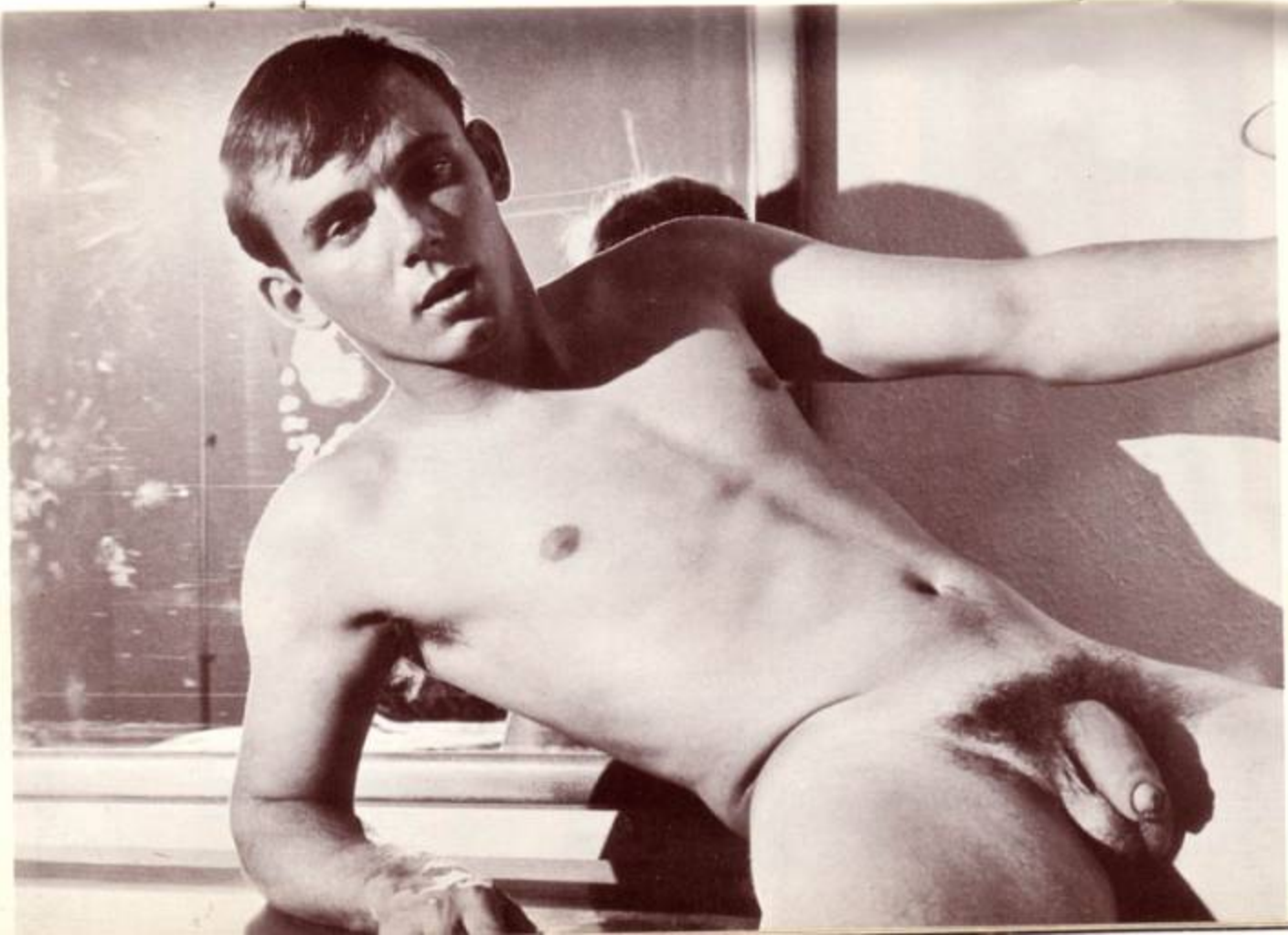




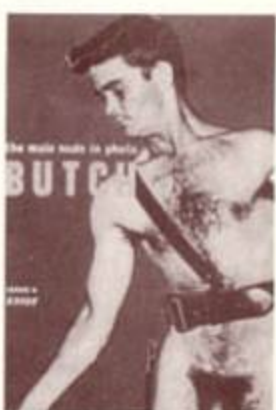
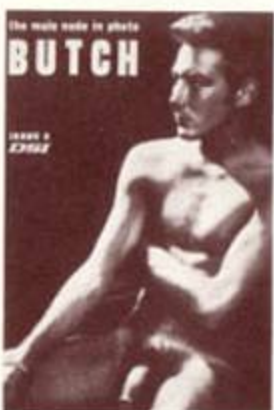
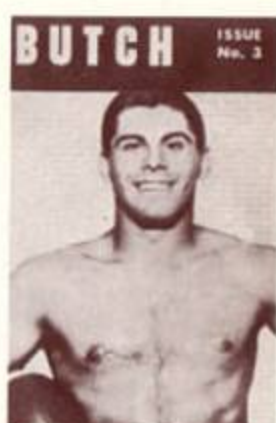








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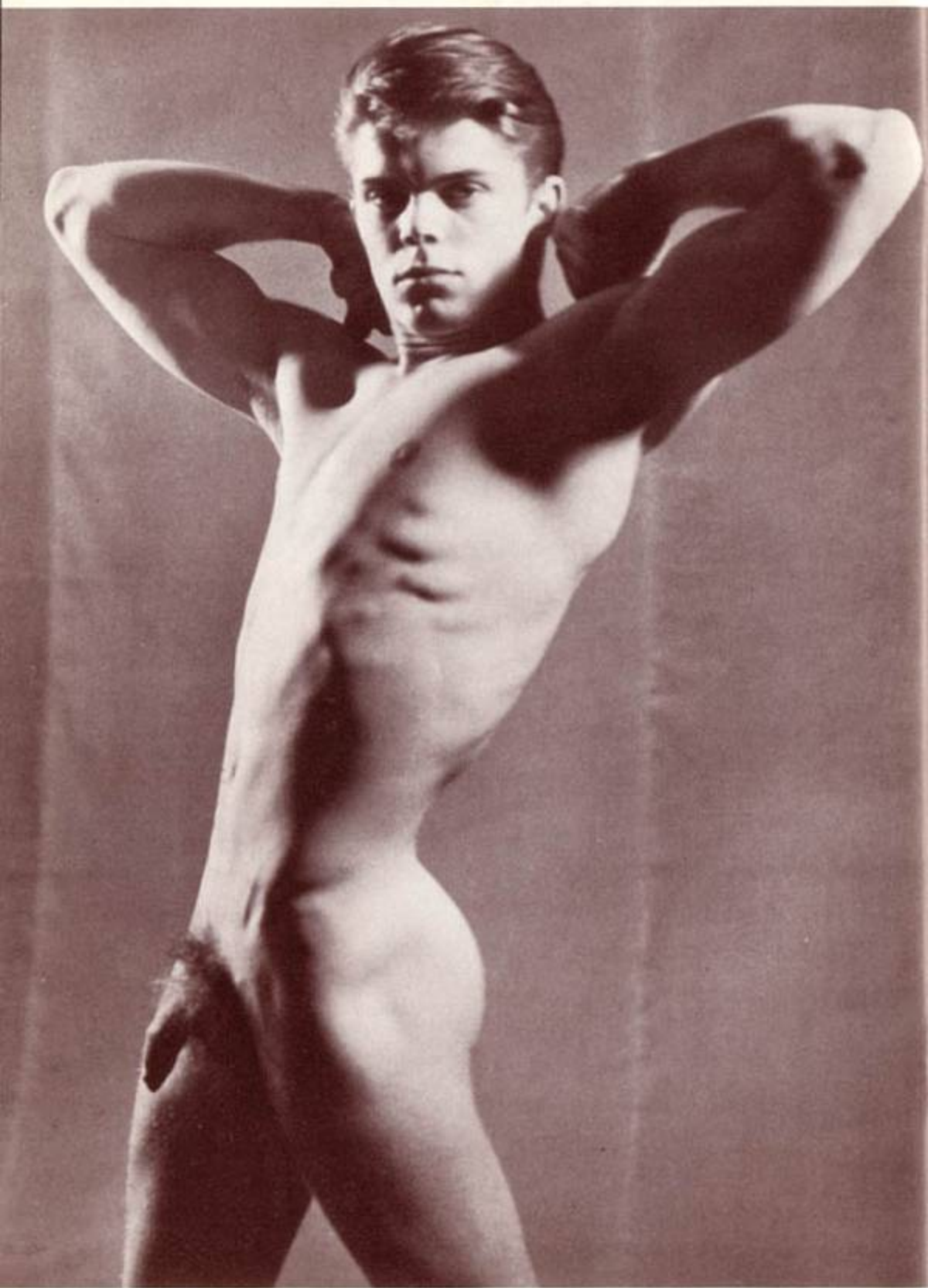


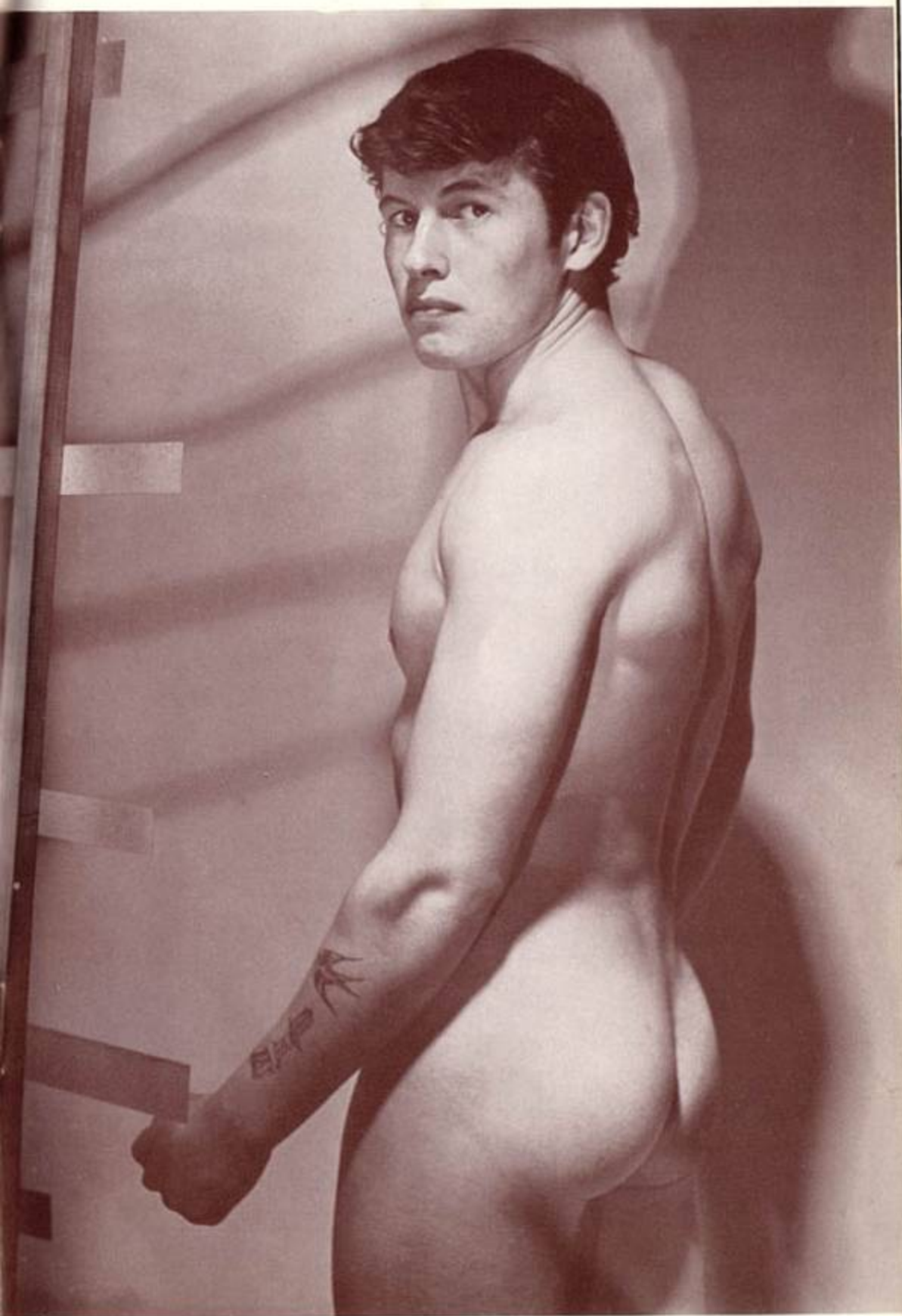
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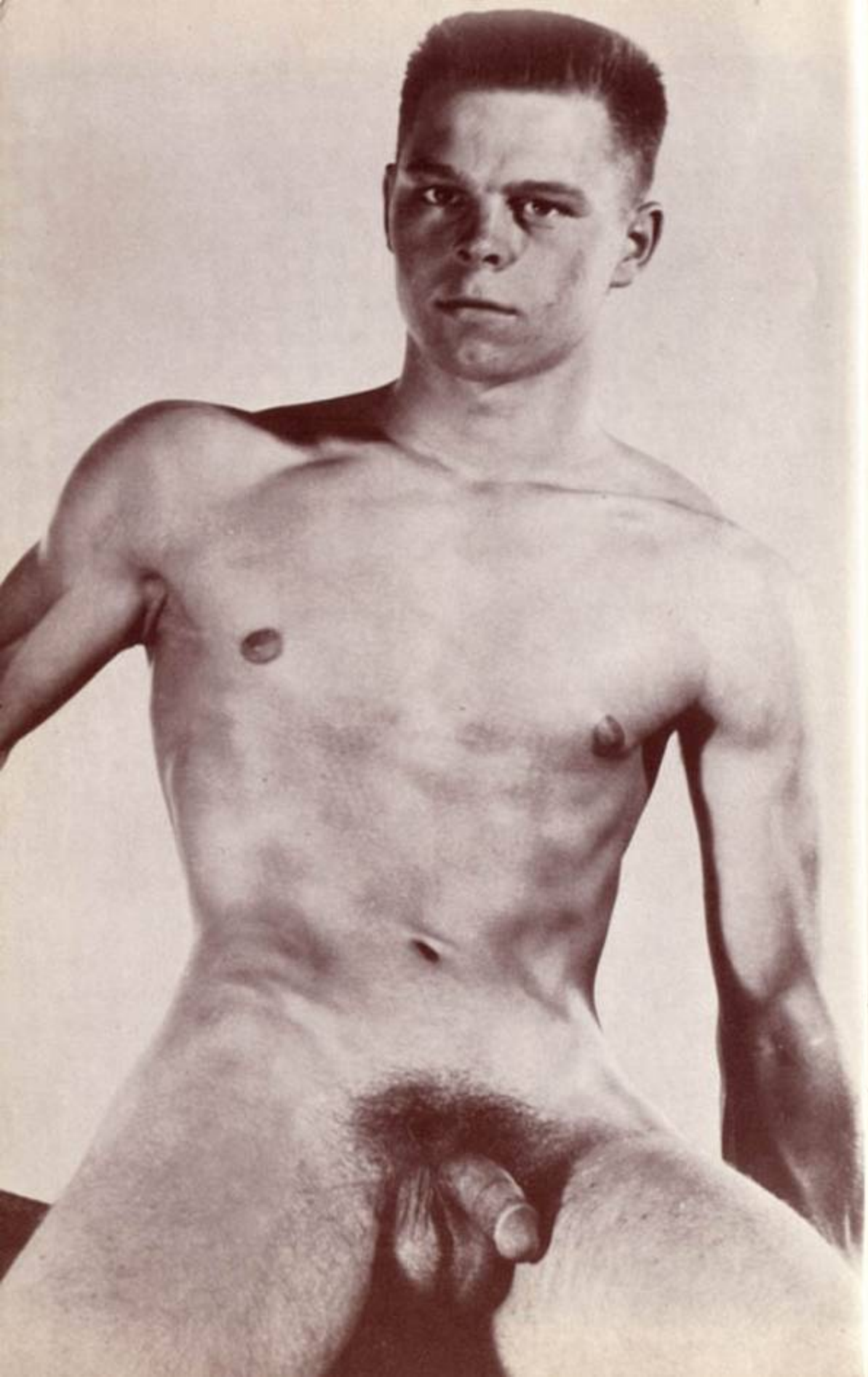
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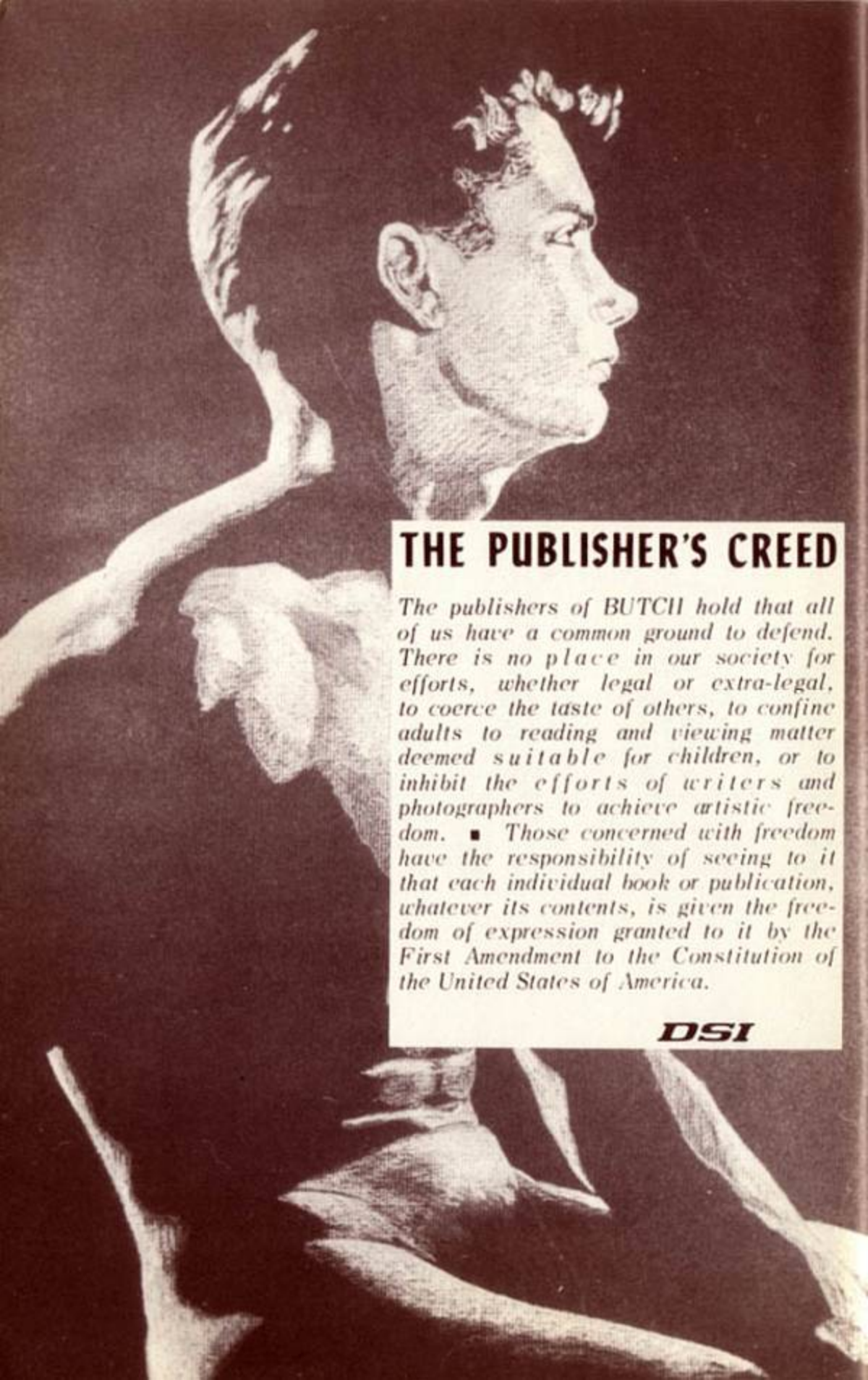
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